

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently amended) An apparatus for attaching a cable to a structure, comprising:
an elongated rod having a varying cross-section in a longitudinal direction;
first and second elongate sleeves, each having an expandable engagement member,
mounted on said elongated rod in a first position to facilitate insertion of a ~~portion~~ said
expandable engagement member of said first sleeve in a hole defined by the structure and a
~~portion~~ said expandable engagement member of said second sleeve in said first sleeve, said first
and second sleeves capable of being axially translated along said elongated rod to a second
position to facilitate a positive engagement of ~~the portion~~ said expandable engagement member
of said first sleeve within the hole ~~and to cause wherein the elongated rod causes~~ radial
expansion of ~~the portion~~ said expandable engagement member of said second sleeve within said
first sleeve to facilitate a positive engagement of the expanded ~~portion~~ engagement member of
the second sleeve with said first sleeve; and
at least one attachment element carried by at least one of said first and second sleeves,
wherein said attachment element is adapted to be attached to the cable.
2. (Previously presented) An apparatus for attaching a cable to a structure, comprising:
an elongated rod having a varying cross-section in a longitudinal direction;
an elongate sleeve mounted on said elongated rod in a first position to facilitate insertion
of a portion of said sleeve in a hole defined by the structure, said sleeve capable of being axially
translated along said elongated rod to a second position to facilitate a positive engagement of the
portion of said sleeve within the hole; and
at least one attachment element carried by said sleeve, wherein said attachment element is
adapted to be attached to the cable, and wherein said at least one attachment element comprises:
a ring defining an opening larger than said sleeve; and
a plurality of spokes extending inwardly from said ring to said sleeve.
3. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein said elongated rod comprises:
a first portion of a first cross-sectional shape; and

a second portion of a second cross-sectional shape larger than the first cross-sectional shape and disposed proximate to and displaced in the longitudinal direction from said first portion.

4. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 3, wherein said first portion is a first cylindrical portion and said second portion is a second cylindrical portion.

5. (Previously presented) An apparatus of Claim 3 wherein said elongated rod comprises a plurality of pairs of first and second portions.

6. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 5, wherein said elongated rod further comprises a circumferential groove between the pairs of first and second portions.

7. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 5, further comprising a plurality of said elongate sleeves mounted on said elongated rod, each sleeve associated with a respective pair of first and second portions such that said sleeve loosely surrounds the first portion and the second portion while in the first position and engages the second portion while in the second position, thereby radially expanding said sleeve.

8. (Currently amended) The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein each at least one of said first and second elongate sleeves comprises:

an expandable engagement member is capable of radially expanding as said sleeve is moved from the first position to the second position; and wherein at least one of said first and second elongate sleeves further comprises:

an annular member connected to said expandable engagement member for carrying said attachment element.

9. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 1, further comprising at least one tie member capable of attaching the cable to said attachment element.

10. (Previously presented) An apparatus for attaching cables to a structure, comprising:
an elongated rod having a lengthwise cross-section of varying shape;
first and second elongate sleeves mounted on said elongated rod in a first position and capable of being axially translated along said elongated rod to a second position such that said first sleeve expandably engages within a hole defined by the structure and said second sleeve is configured to radially expand within said first sleeve to facilitate a positive engagement of the expanded portion of said second sleeve with said first sleeve; and
a tie member capable of attaching the cable to at least one of said first and second sleeves.
11. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 10, wherein said elongated rod comprises:
a first portion of a first cross-sectional shape; and
a second portion of a second cross-sectional shape larger than the first cross-sectional shape and disposed proximate to and displaced in the longitudinal direction from said first portion.
12. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 11, wherein said first portion is a first cylindrical portion and said second portion is a second cylindrical portion.
13. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 11, wherein said elongated rod comprises a plurality of pairs of first and second portions.
14. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 13, wherein said elongated rod further comprises a circumferential groove between the pairs of first and second portions.
15. (Previously presented) The apparatus of Claim 13, wherein each sleeve is associated with a respective pair of first and second portions such that said sleeve loosely surrounds the first portion and second portion while in the first position and engages the second portion while in the second position, thereby radially expanding said sleeve.

16. (Previously presented) The apparatus of Claim 10, wherein at least one of said first and second elongate sleeves comprises:

an expandable engagement member capable of radially expanding as said sleeve is moved from the first position to the second position; and

an annular member connected to said expandable engagement member for carrying said tie member.

17. (Currently amended) A method for attaching a cable to a structure, comprising:

providing an elongated rod having a varying cross-section in a longitudinal direction and first and second elongate sleeves capable of being axially translated along the elongated rod, the first sleeve having an expandable engagement member;

inserting ~~a portion~~ said expandable engagement member of the first sleeve into a hole defined by the structure;

translating the first and second sleeves axially along the elongated rod to facilitate positive engagement of the first sleeve within the hole ~~and to cause~~ wherein the elongated rod causes radial expansion of the second sleeve within the first sleeve to facilitate a positive engagement of the second sleeve with the first sleeve; and

attaching at least one cable to at least one of the first and second sleeves.

18. (Currently amended) The method of claim 17, further comprising mounting the first and second sleeves upon the elongated rod in a first position prior to inserting ~~the portion~~ said expandable engagement member of the first sleeve into the hole defined by the structure.

19. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 17, wherein translating the first and second sleeves axially along the elongated rod comprises expanding ~~a portion~~ said expandable engagement member of the first sleeve within the hole.

20. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 17, wherein attaching at least one cable to at least one of the first and second sleeves comprises encircling at least one cable and an attachment element carried by the sleeve with a tie member.

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